

(b) Persons undertaking to cover committee hearings or meetings under authority of this rule shall be governed by the following limitations:

(1) If the television or radio coverage of the hearing or meeting is to be presented to the public as live coverage, that coverage shall be conducted and presented without commercial sponsorship.

(2) No witness served with a subpoena by the committee shall be required against his or her will to be photographed at any hearing or to give evidence or testimony while the broadcasting of that hearing, by radio or television, is being conducted. At the request of any such witness who does not wish to be subjected to radio, television, or still photography coverage, all lenses shall be covered and all microphones used for coverage turned off. This paragraph is supplemental to clause 2(k)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, relating to the protection of the rights of witnesses.

(3) The number of television and still cameras permitted in a hearing or meeting room shall be determined in the discretion of the Chairman of the committee or subcommittee holding such hearing or meeting. The allocation among the television media of the positions of the number of television cameras permitted by the Chairman of the committee or subcommittee in a hearing or meeting room shall be in accordance with fair and equitable procedures devised by the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.

(4) Television cameras shall be placed so as not to obstruct in any way the space between any witness giving evidence or testimony and any member of the committee or the visibility of that witness and that member to each other.

(5) Television cameras shall operate from fixed positions but shall not be placed in positions which obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing or meeting by the other media.

(6) Equipment necessary for coverage by the television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing or meeting room while the committee is in session.

(7) Floodlights, spotlights, strobeflights, and flashguns shall not be used in providing any method of coverage of the hearing or meeting, except that the television media may install additional lighting in the hearing or meeting room, without cost to the government, in order to raise the ambient lighting level in the hearing or meeting room to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing or meeting at the then current state of the art of television coverage.

(8) In the allocation of the number of still photographers permitted by the committee or subcommittee chairman in a hearing or meeting room, preference shall be given to photographers from Associated Press Photos and United Press International Newspictures. If requests are made by more of the media than will be permitted by the committee or subcommittee chairman for coverage of the hearing or meeting by still photography, that coverage shall be made on the basis of a fair and equitable pool arrangement devised by the Standing Committee of Press Photographers.

(9) Photographers shall not position themselves, at any time during the course of the hearing or meeting, between the witness table and the members of the committee.

(10) Photographers shall not place themselves in positions which obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing by the other media.

(11) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media shall be then cur-

rently accredited to the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.

(12) Personnel providing coverage by still photography shall be then currently accredited to the Press Photographers' Gallery.

(13) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media and by still photography shall conduct themselves and their coverage activities in an orderly and unobtrusive manner.

RULE 24. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE RULES

A proposed change in these rules shall not be considered by the committee unless the text of such change has been in the hands of all members at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in which the matter is considered.

RULES OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 104TH CONGRESS—RULE XI, CLAUSE 2(K)

INVESTIGATIVE HEARING PROCEDURES

(k)(1) The chairman at an investigative hearing shall announce in the opening statement the subject of the investigation.

(2) A copy of the committee rules and this clause shall be made available to each witness.

(3) Witnesses at investigative hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning their constitutional rights.

(4) The chairman may punish breaches of order and decorum, and of professional ethics on the part of counsel, by censure and exclusion from the hearings; and the committee may cite the offender to the House for contempt.

(5) Whenever it is asserted that the evidence or testimony at an investigatory hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person,

(A) such testimony or evidence shall be presented in executive session, notwithstanding the provisions of clause 2(g)(2) of this Rule, if by a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the rules of the committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony, the committee determines that such evidence or testimony may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person; and

(B) the committee shall proceed to receive such testimony in open session only if a majority of the members of the committee, a majority being present, determine that such evidence or testimony will not tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person. In either case the committee shall afford such person an opportunity voluntarily to appear as a witness, and receive and dispose of requests from such person to subpoena additional witnesses.

(6) Except as provided in subparagraph (5), the chairman shall receive and the committee shall dispose of requests to subpoena additional witnesses.

(7) No evidence or testimony taken in executive session may be released or used in public sessions without the consent of the committee.

(8) In the discretion of the committee, witnesses may submit brief and pertinent sworn statements in writing for inclusion in the record. The committee is the sole judge of the pertinency of testimony and evidence adduced at its hearing.

(9) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of his testimony given at a public session or, if given at an executive session, when authorized by the committee.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES FOR THE 104TH CONGRESS

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to extend his remarks

at this point in the RECORD and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD the following Rules of the Committee on Resources for the 104th Congress:

RULES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 104TH CONGRESS, ADOPTED JANUARY 11, 1995

RULE 1. RULES OF THE HOUSE AND COMMITTEE

(a) Applicability of House Rules.—The Rules of the House of Representatives, so far as they are applicable, are the rules of the Committee and its Subcommittees.

(2) Each Subcommittee is part of the Committee and is subject to the authority, direction and rules of the Committee. References in these rules to "Committee" and "Chairman" shall apply to each Subcommittee and its Chairman wherever applicable.

(3) Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, which pertains entirely to Committee procedure, is incorporated and made a part of the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(b) Oversight Plan.—Not later than February 15 of the first session of each Congress, the Committee shall adopt its oversight plans for that Congress in accordance with clause 2(d)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 2. REGULAR, ADDITIONAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) Regular Meetings.—The Committee shall meet at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month that Congress is in session, unless that meeting is canceled by the Chairman.

(b) Additional Meetings.—The Committee shall also meet at the call of the Chairman subject to advance notice to all Members of the Committee.

(c) Agenda of Regular and Additional Meetings.—An agenda of the business to be considered at a regular or additional meeting shall be delivered to the office of each Member of the Committee no later than forty-eight hours prior to such meeting. The requirements of this paragraph may be waived by a majority vote of the Committee.

(d) Special Meetings.—Special meetings shall be called and convened by the Chairman as provided in clause 2(c)(2) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(e) Agenda of Special Meetings.—An agenda of the business to be considered at a special meeting shall be delivered as provided in clause 2(c)(2) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House or Representatives.

(f) Party Conference or Caucus.—Any Committee meeting that conflicts with a party caucus, conference, or similar part meeting shall be rescheduled at the discretion of the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

(g) Vice Chairman.—The Chairman shall appoint a Vice Chairman of the Committee and of each Subcommittee. If the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee is not present at any meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee, as the case may be, the Vice Chairman shall preside. If the Vice Chairman is not present, the ranking Member of the Majority party on the Committee or Subcommittee who is present shall preside at that meeting.

(h) Prohibition on Sitting.—The Committee may not sit, without special leave, while the House of Representatives is reading a measure for amendment under the five-

minute rule. The Committee may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

(i) Addressing the Committee.—A Committee Member may address the Committee or a Subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration or may question a witness at a hearing only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The time a Member may address the Committee or Subcommittee for any purpose or to question a witness shall be limited to five minutes, except that this time limit may be waived by the Chairman. A Member shall limit his or her remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce the preceding provision.

(j) Proxies.—No vote in the Committee or Subcommittee may be cast by proxy.

(k) Postponement of Roll Call Votes.—At the beginning of any meeting of the Committee, the Chairman may announce that further proceedings will be postponed on any motions on which a recorded vote is ordered or on which the vote is objected to under Rule 5 until immediately preceding the conclusion of the meeting. In such instances, the Committee shall proceed with the consideration of the next regularly scheduled measure or matter until a all business is disposed of or until the Chairman announces that the question will be put on the matter deferred. The question on any postponed motion shall be put by the Chairman and shall be disposed of by the Committee, without further debate, as expeditiously as possible. If the Committee adjourns before the question is put and determined on any motion, then the first order of business at the next meeting shall be the disposition of the pending motion.

(l) Meetings to Begin Promptly.—Each meeting or hearing of the Committee shall begin promptly at the time stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

RULE 3. OPEN MEETINGS AND HEARINGS; BROADCASTING

(a) Open Meetings.—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing of the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be open to the public, except as provided by clause 2(g) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) Broadcasting.—Whenever a meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, that meeting or hearing shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with clause 3 of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 4. SUBPOENAS AND OATHS

(a) Subpoenas.—The Committee may authorize and issue a subpoena under clause 2(m) of Rule XI and Rules of the House of Representatives, if authorized by a majority of the Members voting, a majority being present. In addition, the Chairman of the Committee may authorize and issue subpoenas under this authority during any period of time in which the House of Representatives has adjourned for more than three days. Subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee, or any Member of the Committee authorized by the Committee, and may be served by any person designated by the Chairman or Member.

(b) Oaths.—The Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of any Subcommittee, or any Member designated by the Chairman, may administer oaths to any witness.

RULE 5. QUORUMS

(a) Quorum for Reporting.—Pursuant to clause 2(l)(2) of Rule XI of the Rules of the

House of Representatives, no measure or recommendation shall be reported from the Committee unless a majority of the Members of the Committee are actually present.

(b) Quorum for Taking Testimony.—Testimony and evidence may be received at any meeting or hearing at which there are at least two Members of the Committee present.

(c) Working Quorum.—For the purpose of transacting business other than that described in paragraphs (a) and (b), one third of the Members shall constitute a quorum.

(d) Establishing a Quorum.—When a call of the roll is required to ascertain the presence of a quorum, the offices of all Members shall be notified and the Members shall have not less than 10 minutes to prove their attendance. The Chairman shall have the discretion to waive this requirement when a quorum is actually present or whenever a quorum is secured and may direct the Clerk to note the names of all Members present within the 10-minute period.

RULE 6. HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) Announcement.—The Chairman shall publicly announce the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing at least one week before the hearing unless the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing at an earlier date. In this case, the Chairman shall publicly announce the hearing at the earliest possible date. The Clerk of the Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record and shall promptly enter the appropriate information into the Committee scheduling service of the House Information Systems as soon as possible after the public announcement is made.

(b) Written Statement; Oral Testimony.—Each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a Subcommittee shall file with the Clerk of the Committee or Subcommittee, at least two working days before the day of his or her appearance, a written statement of proposed testimony. Each witness shall limit his or her oral presentation to a five-minute summary of the written statement.

(c) Minority Witnesses.—When any hearing is conducted by the Committee or any Subcommittee upon any measure or matter, the Minority party Members on the Committee or Subcommittee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chairman by a majority of those Minority Members before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the Minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearings thereon.

(d) Legislative Materials.—After announcement of a hearing, to the extent practicable, the Committee shall make available immediately to all Members of the Committee a concise summary of the subject matter (including legislative reports and other material) under consideration. In addition, the Chairman shall make available to the Members of the Committee any official reports from departments and agencies on the subject matter as they are received.

(e) Participation of Committee Members in Subcommittees.—All Members of the Committee may sit with any Subcommittee during any meeting and may participate in the meeting. However, a Member who is not a Member of the Subcommittee may not vote on any matter before the Subcommittee, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, or raise points of order.

(f) Opening Statements; Questioning of Witnesses.—(1) Opening statements by Members may not be presented orally, unless the Chairman determines that one statement from the Chairman or his designee will be

presented, in which case the Ranking Minority Member or his designee may also make a statement. If a witness scheduled to testify at any hearing of the Committee is a constituent of a Member of the Committee, that Member shall be entitled to introduce the witness at the hearing.

(2) The questioning of witnesses in Committee and Subcommittee hearings shall be initiated by the Chairman, followed by the Ranking Minority Member and all other Members alternating between the Majority and Minority parties. In recognizing Members to question witnesses, the Chairman shall take into consideration the ratio of the Majority to Minority Members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in a manner so as not to disadvantage the Members of the Majority or the Members of the Minority.

(g) Investigative Hearings.—Clause 2(k) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (relating to additional rules for investigative hearings) shall govern investigative hearings of the Committee and its Subcommittees.

RULE 7. FILING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Duty of Chairman.—Whenever the Committee authorizes the favorable reporting of a measure from the Committee, the Chairman or his designee shall report the same to the House of Representatives and shall take all steps necessary to secure its passage without any additional authority needing to be set forth in the motion to report each individual measure.

(b) Additional Authority.—In appropriate cases, the authority set forth in paragraph (a) of this Rule shall extend to moving in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives that the House be resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the measure; and to moving in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives for the disposition of a Senate measure that is substantially the same as the House measure as reported.

(c) Filing.—A report on a measure which has been approved by the Committee shall be filed within seven calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House of Representatives is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the Committee Clerk a written request, signed by a majority of the Members of the Committee, for the reporting of that measure. Upon the filing with the Committee Clerk of this request, the Clerk shall transmit immediately to the Chairman notice of the filing of that request.

(d) Content.—Any report by the Committee to the House of Representatives provided for by this Rule shall include the following:

(1) a statement of the purpose of the measure;

(2) a general background section describing the need for the measure;

(3) a section-by-section analysis of the measure as reported by the Committee, if the Chairman determines that one is helpful or necessary;

(4) a concise statement describing any changes in existing law made by the measure as reported by the Committee;

(5) a statement setting forth the legislative history of the measure, including the results and type of any vote on any amendment to the measure or on a motion to report the measure by the Committee or any Subcommittee, including the names of those Members voting for or against;

(6) the statements required by clause 2(l)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives;

(7) a detailed analytical statement whether the measure may have an inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy;

(8) a five-year estimate of the measure if enacted;

(9) a statement in accordance with section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act;

(10) a statement of administration or departmental views on the measure; and

(11) any supplemental, additional or minority views filed pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Rule. Any report containing these views shall indicate so on its title page.

(e) Supplemental, Additional or Minority Views.—Any Member may, if notice is given at the time a bill or resolution is approved by the Committee, file supplemental, additional, or minority views. These views must be in writing and signed by each Member joining therein and be filed with the Committee Clerk not less than three calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) of the time the bill or resolution is approved by the Committee.

(f) Review by Members.—Each Member of the Committee shall be given an opportunity to review each proposed Committee report at least 24 hours before it is filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Nothing in this paragraph extends the time allowed for filing supplemental, additional or minority views under paragraph (e).

RULE 8. RECOMMENDATION OF HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES

(a) Recommendations.—Whenever it becomes necessary to appoint conferees on a particular measure, the Chairman shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees those Majority Members, as well as those Minority Members recommended to the Chairman by the Ranking Minority Member, primarily responsible for the measure.

(b) Ratio.—The ratio of Majority Members to Minority Members of conferences shall be no greater than the ratio on the Committee.

RULE 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES; SIZE OF PARTY RATIOS

(a) Subcommittees and Size.—There shall be the following five standing Subcommittees of the Committee. These Subcommittees, with the following sizes and Majority/Minority ratios are:

(1) Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands (25 Members: 14 Majority, 11 Minority);

(2) Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans (14 Members: 8 Majority, 6 Minority);

(3) Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (14 Members: 8 Majority, 6 Minority);

(4) Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources (20 Members: 11 Majority, 9 Minority);

(5) Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs (11 Members: 6 Majority, 5 Minority);

(b) Ex-officio Members.—The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio Members of each standing Subcommittee and have the right fully to participate in Subcommittee affairs except for the right to vote. Ex-officio Members shall not be counted in establishing the presence of a quorum.

RULE 10. JURISDICTION

(a) Subcommittees.—The jurisdiction of the Committee's five standing Subcommittees, including legislative, investigative, and oversight responsibilities, shall be as follows:

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands

(1) Measures and matters related to the National Park System and all of its units.

(2) National Wildlife and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, national recreation areas, and other national units established for protection, conservation, preservation or recreational development administered by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) Military parks, battlefields, cemeteries, and parks administered by the Secretary of the Interior within the District of Columbia.

(4) Except for Alaska, the National Wilderness Preservation System generally, and all matters regarding wilderness in the National Park System.

(5) Federal outdoor recreation plans, programs and administration including the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

(6) Plans and programs concerning non-Federal outdoor recreation and land use, including related plans and programs authorized by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963.

(7) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain and other historic preservation programs and activities, including programs for international cooperation in the field of historic preservation.

(8) Matter concerning the following agencies and programs: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, American Conservation Corps, and U.S. Holocaust Memorial.

(9) Except for public lands in Alaska, public lands generally, including measures or matters related to entry, easements, withdrawals, and grazing.

(10) Except in Alaska, forest reservations, including management thereof, created from the public domain.

(11) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

(12) Federal reserved water rights on public lands and forest reserves.

(13) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans

(1) Fisheries management and fisheries research generally, including the management of all commercial and recreational fisheries, the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, interjurisdictional fisheries, international fisheries agreements, aquaculture, seafood safety and fisheries promotion.

(2) Wildlife resources, including research, restoration, refuges and conservation.

(3) All matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments, including estuarine protection.

(4) Coastal barriers.

(5) Oceanography.

(6) Ocean engineering, including materials, technology and systems.

(7) Coastal zone management.

(8) Marine sanctuaries.

(9) U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(10) Sea Grant programs and marine extension services.

(11) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

(1) All measures and matters concerning the U.S. Geological Survey.

(2) All measures and matters affecting geothermal resources.

(3) Conservation of United States uranium supply.

(4) Mining interests generally, including all matters involving mining regulation and

enforcement, including the reclamation of mined lands, the environmental effects of mining, and the management of mineral receipts, mineral land laws and claims, long-range mineral programs and deep seabed mining.

(5) Mining schools, experimental stations and long-range mineral programs.

(6) Mineral resources on public lands.

(7) Conservation and development of oil and gas resources of the Outer Continental Shelf.

(8) Petroleum conservation on the public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.

(9) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources

(1) Generation and marketing of electric power from Federal water projects by Federally chartered or Federal regional power marketing authorities.

(2) All measures and matters concerning water resources planning conducted pursuant to the Water Resources Planning Act, water resource research and development programs, saline water research and development.

(3) Compacts relating to the use and apportionment of interstate waters, water rights, and major interbasin water or power movement programs.

(4) All measures and matters pertaining to irrigation and reclamation projects and other water resources development programs, including policies and procedures.

(5) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs

(1) Except for Native Alaskans, measures relating to the welfare of Native Americans, including management of Indian lands in general and special measures relating to claims which are paid out of Indian funds.

(2) Except for Native Alaskans, all matters regarding the relations of the United States with the Indians and the Indian tribes, including special oversight functions under clause 3(e) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(3) All matters regarding Native Hawaiians.

(4) Except for Native Alaskans, all matters related to the Federal trust responsibility to Native Americans and the sovereignty of Native Americans.

(5) All matters regarding insular areas of the United States.

(6) All measures or matters regarding the Freely Associated States and Antarctica.

(7) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

(8) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(b) FULL COMMITTEE.—The following measures and matters shall be retained at Full Committee:

(1) Measures and matters concerning the transportation of natural gas from or within Alaska and disposition of oil transported by the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

(2) Measures and matters relating to Alaska public lands, including forestry and forest management issues, and Federal reserved water rights.

(3) Environmental and habitat measures and matters of general applicability.

(4) All measures and matters relating to Native Alaskans.

(5) All measures and matters retained by the Full Committee under Rule 15.

RULE 11. TASK FORCES, SPECIAL OR SELECT SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) **APPOINTMENT.**—The Chairman of the Committee is authorized, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, to appoint Task Forces, or special or select Subcommittees, to carry out the duties and functions of the Committee.

(b) **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.**—The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee shall serve as ex-officio Members of each Task Force, or special or select Subcommittee.

(c) **PARTY RATIOS.**—The ratio of Majority Members to Minority Members, excluding ex-officio Members, on each Task Force, special or select Subcommittee shall be as close as practicable to the ratio on the Full Committee.

(d) **TEMPORARY RESIGNATION.**—A Member can temporarily resign his or her position on a Subcommittee to serve on a Task Force, special or select Subcommittee without prejudice to the Member's seniority on the Subcommittee.

RULE 12. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(a) **SENIORITY.**—The Majority Members of the Committee are entitled, in order of Full Committee seniority, to bid for the chairmanship of each standing Subcommittee. Any such bid shall be subject to approval by a majority of the Members of the Majority party of the Committee.

(b) **TASK FORCES, SPECIAL OR SELECT SUBCOMMITTEES.**—The Chairman of any Task Force, or special or select Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee.

RULE 13. RANKING MINORITY MEMBERS

The Ranking Minority Member shall select a Ranking Minority Member for each Task Force, or standing, special or select Subcommittee to be chosen by such procedures as the Minority may adopt.

RULE 14. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) **MEET AND ACT.**—Each Subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the Committee on all matters within its jurisdiction.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—Each Subcommittee Chairman shall consult with the Chairman of the Full Committee prior to setting dates for Subcommittee meetings with a view towards avoiding whenever possible conflicting Committee or Subcommittee meetings.

(c) **OVERSIGHT.**—(1) Each Subcommittee shall review and study, on a continuing basis the application, administration, execution and effectiveness of those statutes, or parts of statutes, the subject matter of which is within that Subcommittee's jurisdiction; and the organization, operation, and regulations of any Federal agency or entity having responsibilities in or for the administration of such statutes, to determine whether these statutes are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress.

(2) Each Subcommittee shall review and study any conditions or circumstances indicating the need of enacting new or supplemental legislation within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

RULE 15. REFERRAL OF LEGISLATION TO SUBCOMMITTEE

(a) **REFERRAL.**—In accordance with Rule 10, every legislative measure or other matter referred to the Committee shall be referred to the Subcommittee of jurisdiction within two weeks of the date of its referral to the Com-

mittee, unless the Chairman, with the approval of a Majority Members of the Committee, orders that it be retained for consideration by the Full Committee or that it be referred to a select or special Subcommittee.

(b) **RECALL BY NOTICE.**—A legislative measure or other matter referred by the Chairman to a Subcommittee may be recalled from the Subcommittee for the purpose of direct consideration by the Full Committee, or for referral to another Subcommittee, provided Members of the Committee receive one week written notice of the recall and a majority of the Members of the Committee do not object.

(c) **RECALL BY VOTE.**—A legislative measure or other matter referred by the Chairman to a Subcommittee may be recalled from the Subcommittee at any time by majority vote of the Committee, a quorum being present, for direct consideration by the Full Committee or for referral to another Subcommittee.

RULE 16. COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

(a) **LAYOVER.**—No measure or recommendation reported by a Subcommittee shall be considered by the Committee until two calendar days from the time of Subcommittee action.

(b) **COPY OF BILL.**—No bill shall be considered by the Committee unless a copy has been delivered to the office of each Member of the Committee requesting a copy, with a section-by-section explanation.

(c) **WAIVER.**—The requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) may be waived by a majority vote of the Committee.

RULE 17. DISCLAIMER

All Committee or Subcommittee reports printed pursuant to legislative study or investigation and not approved by a majority vote of the Committee or Subcommittee, as appropriate, shall contain the following disclaimer on the cover of the report:

"This report has not been officially adopted by the [Committee on Resources] [pertinent Subcommittee] and may not therefore necessarily reflect the views of its Members."

RULE 18. COMMITTEE RECORDS

(a) **SEGREGATION OF RECORDS.**—All Committee records shall be kept separate and distinct from the office records of individual Committee Members serving as Chairman or Ranking Minority Members. These records shall be the property of the House and all Members shall have access to them.

(b) **AVAILABILITY.**—The Committee shall make available to the public for review at reasonable times in the Committee office the following records:

(1) transcripts of public meetings and hearings, except those that are unrevised or unedited and intended solely for the use of the Committee;

(2) the result of each rollcall vote taken in the Committee, including a description of the amendment, motion, order or other proposition voted on;

(3) the name of each Committee Member voting for or against a proposition; and

(4) the name of each Member present but not voting.

(c) **ARCHIVED RECORDS.**—Records of the Committee which are deposited with the National Archives shall be made available pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives. The Chairman of the Committee shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision to withhold a record pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, and shall present the matter to the Committee upon written request of any Committee Member.

(d) **RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS.**—Notwithstanding the other provisions of this

Rule, no records of Committee meetings or hearings which were closed to the public pursuant to Rule 3 shall be released to the public unless the Committee votes to release those records in accordance with the procedure used to close the Committee meeting.

(e) **CLASSIFIED MATERIALS.**—All classified materials shall be maintained in an appropriately secured location and shall be released only to authorized persons for review, who shall not remove the material from the Committee offices without the written permission of the Chairman.

RULE 19. COMMITTEE BUDGET AND EXPENSES

(a) **BUDGET.**—At the beginning of each Congress, after consultation with the Chairman of each Subcommittee, the Chairman shall propose and present to the Committee for its approval a budget covering the funding required for staff, travel, and miscellaneous expenses. The budget shall include amounts required for all activities and programs of the Committee and the Subcommittees.

(b) **EXPENSE RESOLUTION.**—Upon approval by the Committee of each budget, the Chairman, acting pursuant to clause 5 of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, shall prepare and introduce in the House a supporting expense resolution, and take all action necessary to bring about its approval by the Committee on House Oversight and by the House of Representatives.

(c) **AMENDMENTS.**—The Chairman shall report to the Committee any amendments to each expense resolution and any related changes in the budget.

(d) **ADDITIONAL EXPENSES.**—Authorization for the payment of additional or unforeseen Committee and Subcommittee expenses may be procured by one or more additional expense resolutions processed in the same manner as set out under this Rule.

(e) **MONTHLY REPORTS.**—Copies of each monthly report, prepared by the Chairman for the Committee on House Oversight, which shows expenditures made during the reporting period and cumulative for the year, anticipated expenditures for the projected Committee program, and detailed information on travel, shall be available to each Member.

RULE 20. COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) **RULES AND POLICIES.**—Committee staff Members are subject to the provisions of clause 6 of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, as well as any written personnel policies as the Committee may from time to time adopt.

(b) **MAJORITY AND NONPARTISAN STAFF.**—The Chairman shall nominate for appointment by the Committee, determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the professional and clerical employees of the Committee not assigned to the Minority. The professional and clerical staff of the Committee not assigned to the Minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of these staff Members and delegate any authority as he determines appropriate.

(c) **MINORITY STAFF.**—The Ranking Minority Member of the Committee shall nominate for appointment by the Committee, determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the professional and clerical staff assigned to the Minority within the budget approved for those purposes. The professional and clerical staff assigned to the Minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee who may delegate any authority as he determines appropriate.

(d) **AVAILABILITY.**—The skills and services of all Committee staff shall be available to all Members of the Committee.